

CITY OF HANCOCK
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023
HANCOCK CITY HALL, 399 QUINCY STREET
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Regular Meeting at 6:00 PM

Call to order and pledge of allegiance led by Mayor Paul LaBine
Roll Call and verification of quorum
Present: Councilors Blau, McKenzie, LaBine, Rickard, Warstler
Absent: Councilors Freeman, Lounibos

Also Present in person: Garrett Neese, Michael Markham, Tami Sleeman, John Erickson, John Zurcher, and members of the media.

Also Present via Zoom: Charlie Temple

Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Rickard to excuse Councilors Freeman and Lounibos from tonight's meeting.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Review and approval of agenda

Motion made by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Rickard with an addition to New Business item #11 Semco Invoice for placement of new gas lines in the Business and Technology Park.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Public Comment

Melissa Davis – 422 Quincy Street – Renewable energy grants

Communications

MDOT FY 2021 Audit
Copper County Community Arts

Motion made by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Rickard to accept and place on file the communication as presented.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Review and acceptance of meeting minutes

PLWSA April 18, 2023
LDFA April 26, 2023

Motion made by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Warstler to place on file the meeting minutes as presented.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Review and approval of City Council meeting minutes

Work Session May 31, 2023
Special Meeting June 7, 2023

Motion made by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve and accept the meeting minutes of the City Council Work Session of May 31, 2023 and the City Council Special Meeting of June 7, 2023.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Administrative Report

City Manager, Babcock, commented on the following:

- The Ice Arena board met – the goal is to open with ice on September 18th, working with the current staff and working on cleaning and painting.
- 2023-2024 Council and Commission Training Plan – opportunities, part of the RRC to update regularly
- Preliminary approval for the Rural Development Grant
- Canal Rock – update on schedule
- Wake UP Walks – meeting at Scott Hotel and walking to Krist and back on Wednesday’s at 9 AM.
- Beautification Group – finished plantings, Pat Rouleau is doing summer waterings. No home and garden tour this year.
- Public Art Tour – five new paintings displayed throughout the city and a new brochure is available.
- Bridge Plaque Structure – is complete at Porvoo Park
- Police Chief Tami Sleeman gave a department update.
- DPW Director John Erickson gave a department update.
- Clerk/Treasurer gave an update; the new Deputy Clerk, Tara Dulong will be starting Monday, June 26th and property taxes are scheduled to be mailed on June 30th, and there are 4 utility bill customers with delinquent balances totaling about \$4,000 that will be added to the summer tax bills.

New Business

1. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor McKenzie to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$843,189.24.

Roll Call
Yes: Warstler, Rickard, LaBine, McKenzie, Blau
No: None
Motion Carried

2. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve the cemetery cash fund GL #101-000-001-010 into the general operating fund #101-000-001-000.

Roll Call
Yes: Blau, McKenzie, LaBine, Rickard, Warstler
No: None
Motion Carried

3. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve Payne and Dolan’s Hancock Business and Technology Park payment application #3 in the amount of \$432,718.82.

Roll Call
Yes: Warstler, Rickard, LaBine, McKenzie, Blau
No: None
Motion Carried

4. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve the MERS addendum to cover all clerical staff hired before September 2, 2019 to have mandatory leave conversion upon retirement.
 Yes: All
 No: None
 Motion Carried

5. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve the Portage Lake Water and Sewage Authority amended budget for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.
 Yes: All
 No: None
 Motion Carried

6. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve the Portage Lake Water and Sewage Authority July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 operating budget.
 Yes: All
 No: None
 Motion Carried

7. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Rickard to approve the City of Hancock amended budget for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.
 Roll Call
 Yes: Blau, McKenzie, LaBine, Rickard, Warstler
 No: None
 Motion Carried

8. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Warstler to approve MJO Contracting payment application #2 for the Maasto Hiihto Trail Repair in the amount of \$84,476.65.
 Roll Call
 Yes: Warstler, Rickard, LaBine, McKenzie, Blau
 No: None
 Motion Carried

9. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Warstler to approve MJO Contracting payment application #2 for the Shoreline Trail in the amount of \$79,935.74.
 Roll Call
 Yes: Blau, McKenzie, LaBine, Rickard, Warstler
 No: None
 Motion Carried

10. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve July 12, 2023 at 5:30 for the hearing of findings and order of the hearing officer for the buildings located at 501 Reservation Street and 228 Hancock Street.
 Yes: All
 No: None
 Motion Carried

11. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve the Semco invoice for placement of the new gas line in the Business and Technology Park in the amount of \$48,513.00.

Roll Call

Yes: Warstler, Rickard, LaBine, McKenzie, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment

John Zurcher – Thanked both the Police Department and Fire Department on their work with the recent fire at 911 South Lincoln Drive.

Council Member Comments

Time was provided for council members to promote, discuss and/or comment on items not on the agenda.

Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Rickard to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

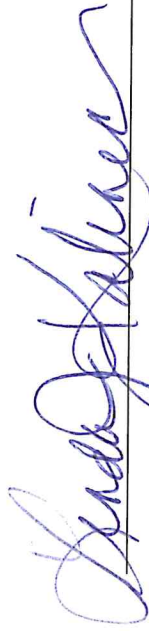
Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried



Paul LaBine, Mayor



Linda Kalinec, City Clerk